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APPARATUS FOR PULLING A SINGLE
CRYSTAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claim as follows:

A 3. (Amended) An apparatus for pulling a single crystal according to Claim 1, comprising an averaging means to average level positions measured by the level position measuring means.

Please add the following new claim:

A² 6. An apparatus for pulling a single crystal according to Claim 2, comprising an averaging means to average level positions measured by the level position measuring means.